

A C C O U N T O F A B L O O D Y B A T T L E

Fought between the English and French, in
Flanders under the Command of his Royal
Highness William Duke of Cumberland.

LAST Saturday Morning an Account arriv'd at Whitehall from the Army in Flanders, under the Command of his Royal Highness the Duke, in the following manner;
Camp at Aeth, May 12. Yesterday about Two o'Clock in the Morning, the whole Army march'd from the Camp at Bruffoel, to attack that of the Enemy near Tournay, which was posted between the Chaussée of Aeth and the Schelde. The Infantry was formed in two Lines before the Enemy's Camp by between Three and Four, but as the Horse, who were to support them, had some Defiles to pass, they could not be in Readiness so soon, so that the whole Army did not move to the Attack till about Seven, and in this Interval of Time, the Infantry was expos'd to most furious Cannonade. The Right Wing however advanced with great Resolution, and gain'd Ground of the Enemy; but being continually gall'd by the Fire of Batteries in the Front, and of Redoubles in the Flanks, and also of a very smart and continual Discharge of small Arms, they could not maintain the Ground they had got, but were obliged to retire.

They rallied twice, but without Effect, so that it was judg'd necessary, about One o'Clock, that the Army should retreat, and it was done with so good Order and Countenance, that the Enemy did not attempt to give us any Disturbance; and the Army with its Baggage is now encamp'd near Aeth. We do not know that we have lost any Colours or Standards, but we have taken one Standard. There has been a very considerable Loss as well of Officers as common Soldiers, especially of the right Wing; and the Field Regiment of Guards in particular has suffer'd very much. Lieutenant-General Sir James Campbel has lost his Leg by a Cannon-shot, Major-General Pontonby is kill'd the Earl of Ancram and Lord Cathcart, Aides de Camp to his Royal Highness, are wounded, but it's hop'd not dangerously.

The Fire lasted from Five in the Morning, till Five in the Afternoon, during which Time his Royal Highness was constantly in the Heat of the Action, encouraging the Men, rallying them when broken, leading them to the Charge, and at the same Time watching every Turn, and making every Disposition that might procure him any Advantage. God be prais'd, his Royal Highness has not received the least Hurt.

Marshal Konisegg was present and on Horseback the whole Action, and gave his Orders with the utmost Intrepidity and Calmness. Nothing can be said with Certainty of the Loss of the Enemy, but it must have been very considerable.

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